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February 10, 2004

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPTANCE OF PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 2, 4, AND 5
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Ratify changes in work and accept completed contract work under the following construction contracts:

Project ID No. FMD0003048 - Channel Right of Way Clearing, 2003, South Maintenance Area, at various locations within the south area of the County (1, 2, and 4), Pierre Sprinkler and Landscape, with changes amounting to a credit of \$79,489.97, and a final contract amount of \$120,310.03.

Project ID No. WMD0000006 - Project No. 562, Line C and Project No. 7901, Line I Continuous Deflective Separators, Cities of Pasadena and South Pasadena (5), Southern California Underground Contractors, Inc., with changes in the amount of \$7,509.73, and a final contract amount of \$111,659.73.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

This action is to obtain Board ratification of Director-approved changes in public works contracts and Board acceptance of the work of the contracts in compliance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code. Included in the enclosures are project and contract data, the scope of work of changes to be ratified, and the work of the contracts to be accepted.

The Director of Public Works has been authorized by your Board to order changes in work up to \$10,000 for construction contracts. Changes to accommodate field conditions in order to meet the intent of the plans and specifications are not subject to this monetary limitation. Enclosed for your ratification are changes in work which I ordered for Project ID Nos. FMD0003048 and WMD0000006.

The projects have been completed, and it is recommended that your Board accept them on the dates indicated in the enclosures.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The acceptance of these construction contracts is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since acceptance of these completed contracts will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The modifications to the contract amounts are a credit of \$79,489.97 and an increase in the amount of \$7,509.73, while the total values of the contracts are \$120,310.03 and \$111,659.73.

Ratification of the changes in work and acceptance of the work of the respective contracts by your Board is in compliance with the acceptance and prompt payment provisions of the Public Contract Code.

Sufficient funds are available in the Board-approved appropriations for each of the respective projects to cover the costs of the changes and the total value of each of the contracts. Detailed cost breakdowns for each of the changes together with contract cost summaries are included in the enclosures.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Each of these contracts for the construction of public works improvements was awarded by your Board to the lowest responsible bidder in accordance with the California Public Contract Code, your Board's directives, and as recommended by the Director of Public Works.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The changes in the work as described above and in the enclosures are within the limits of the Board-approved projects and do not change any conditions which resulted in the original environmental findings.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Each contract provided that the contractor be compensated for changes in the work as a result of changes to the original plans and specifications or changed conditions encountered during the course of construction. The costs of each of the changes were based on contract unit prices, time and materials methods, or were negotiated under the provisions of the contract specifications. The methods for arriving at the final costs of the changes are included in the enclosures.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Ratification of the requested changes and acceptance of the work of the contracts by your Board will ensure the timely closeout of the respective contracts, releasing Departmental and County assets for other construction-related activities.

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CONCLUSION

Please return one approved copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

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PROJECT ID NO. FMD0003048, CHANNEL RIGHT OF WAY CLEARING, 2003,
SOUTH MAINTENANCE AREA (at various locations within the south area of the
County), Supervisorial Districts 1, 2, and 4

Contractor: Pierre Sprinkler and Landscape, 16015 Sherman Way, Van Nuys,
California 91406

Project Description:

Clearing and removal of vegetation and debris from channel rights of way and channel
lining weep holes, joints, and cracks.

Changes in Work:

(1) Clearing of Additional Channels	\$ 3,610.03
(2) Deletion of Work	(83,100.00)
Total	(\$79,489.97)

Description of Changes:

(1) Three additional segments of channel right of way were added to the project. This
work was not shown on the plans.

(2) In order to provide timely response to resident complaints and Fire Department
concerns, portions of the contract work was accomplished by County forces. This
resulted in a credit to the contract in the amount shown.

The cost for Item 1 was negotiated as provided in Section V of the contract specifications.
The cost for Item 2 was based on contract unit prices.

Twenty-three additional working days were required to complete the work of the
contract.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on November 21, 2003, in accordance with the plans and specifications. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to the length of time required for the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to close out the contract.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$199,800.00
Changes in work authorized by Director of Public Works	<u>(79,489.97)</u>
 FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	 <u>\$120,310.03</u>

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PROJECT ID NO. WMD0000006, PROJECT NO. 562, LINE C AND
PROJECT NO. 7901, LINE I CONTINUOUS DEFLECTIVE SEPARATORS (Cities of
Pasadena and South Pasadena), Supervisorial District 5

Contractor: Southern California Underground Contractors, Inc., P.O. Box 1747, Brea,
California 92822

Project Description:

Installation of two continuous deflctive separator units in existing RCP storm drains;
one at Project No. 562, Line C, and the other at Project No. 7901, Line I.

Changes in Work:

(1) Variations In Bid Quantities	\$ 200.00
(2) Modify Manhole	4,574.42
(3) Sandblast Detour Striping	<u>2,735.31</u>
Total	<u>\$7,509.73</u>

Description of Changes:

(1) The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The increase in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities.

(2) As designed, the manhole for the continuous deflctive separator unit at Project No. 7901, Line I, in South Pasadena would have conflicted with the existing curb and gutter. To avoid this conflict, various modifications to the manhole were necessary. This work was not shown on the plans.

(3) The contract specifications called for the Agency to provide temporary traffic striping and markings for detours during construction. Upon completion of the work, it was more expedient to have the contractor perform the sandblasting to remove the temporary striping than to perform the work with Department forces. The contractor is entitled to compensation for this work.

The costs for Item 1 were based on contract unit prices. A portion of the cost for Item 2 and the cost for Item 3 were based on time and materials methods as provided in Subsection 3-3 of the contract specifications. The balance of the cost for Item 2 was negotiated as provided in Subsection 3-2 of the contract specifications.

Twenty-nine additional working days were required because of these changes.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on October 1, 2003, in accordance with the plans and specifications. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to the length of time required for the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to close out the contract.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$104,150.00
Changes in work authorized by Director of Public Works	<u>7,509.73</u>
FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	<u>\$111,659.73</u>

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